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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,  
Presiding Officer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RICHARD NICOLELLO, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, May 4, 2015  
3:55 P.M

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2     A P P E A R A N C E S:

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4     RICHARD NICOLELLO, (substituted by  
Chairman                             Howard Kopel)5     VINCENT MUSCARELLA, (substituting for  
Vice Chairman                         Richard Nicoletello)

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ROSE MARIE WALKER

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DONALD MACKENZIE

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DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON  
Ranking

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10    LAURA CURRAN     (substituted by  
  Carrie Solages)

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SIELA A. BYNOE

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By reference: (page 6)

Public Safety Committee, 5-4-15  
Clerk Items 149, 157, 176, 179  
Pages 4-9;

Planning Committee, 5-4-15  
Clerk Items 140, 158, 161,  
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Health and Social Services Committee, 5-4-15  
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1 Finance Committee/5-4-15

2 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: I  
3 would like to call this meeting of the  
4 Finance Committee to order. As Legislator  
5 Nicolello is not here, I will be chairing  
6 the meeting.

7 Before I begin, I would just ask  
8 you to bear with me a little bit. I was  
9 initially unprepared to be chairing this  
10 meeting, so it may be a little rough going  
11 here.

12 I will call the roll.  
13 Substituting for Richard Nicolello, Howard  
14 Kopel?

15 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

16 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: I am  
17 here. Rosemarie Walker?

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

19 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Donald  
20 MacKenzie?

21 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Ranking  
23 Member DeRiggi-Whitton?

24 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON:  
25 Here.

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2 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA:  
3 Substituting for Laura Curran, Carrie  
4 Solages?

5 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

6 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: And  
7 Siela Bynoe?

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

9 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: With  
10 the minority's permission, I would like to  
11 first call in bulk if we could those items  
12 which have passed today before other  
13 committees, and then we'll separate anything  
14 out if we have questions. I will go slow.

15 First clerk item 140-15, 148-15,  
16 149-15, 150-15, 151-15, 153-15, 156-15,  
17 157-15, 158-15, 161-15, 176-15, 179-15, and  
18 I believe that's it.

19 Those are the items that have  
20 passed through other committees today and I  
21 would like to first include, by reference,  
22 all of the comments that were made in those  
23 committees as part of the official testimony  
24 here.

25 (Whereupon, please refer to the

1 Finance Committee/5-4-15  
2 minutes of the Public Safety Committee dated  
3 5-4-15 pertaining to Clerk Items 149, 157,  
4 176, 179 at pages 4-9;

5 The minutes of the Planning  
6 Committee dated 5-4-15 pertaining to Clerk  
7 Items 140, 158, 161 at pages 5-23;

8 The minutes of the Health and  
9 Social Services Committee dated 5-4-15  
10 pertaining to Clerk Items 148, 150, 151,  
11 153, 156 at pages 5-9.)

12 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Let me  
13 ask for a motion to accept all those  
14 calendar items.

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved  
18 by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator  
19 Kopel. Those items are before us and we  
20 incorporated all of the prior testimony.  
21 Any further questions on those items?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Hearing none, all those in favor  
24 signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Those items are carried.

5 Next up I will call clerk item

6 141 of '15, 142 of '15, 143 of '15, 144 of

7 '15, 145 of '15, 146 of '15 and 147 of '15.

8 Those are ordinances that are either

9 transfer of appropriations or supplemental

10 to the annual appropriations.

11 Motion, please.

12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

13 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

14 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion

15 by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. Any

16 discussion from the public or from

17 legislators?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Hearing none, all those in favor

20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Any opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Those items are reported.

25 Next up, how about I call item

1 Finance Committee/5-4-15

2 154 of '15 and 155 of '15?

3 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

5 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved  
6 by Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator  
7 Walker. Do we have any public comment? Let  
8 me just read these two:

9 Item 154 of '15 is an ordinance  
10 providing for a capital expenditure to  
11 finance the payment of certain payments by  
12 the County of Nassau to county employees  
13 based upon separation from employment  
14 authorizing \$35,199,757 of bonds of the  
15 County of Nassau to finance said expenditure  
16 and making certain determinations pursuant  
17 to SEQRA, pursuant to the Local Finance Law  
18 of New York and the County and Government  
19 Law of Nassau County.

20 Item 155 of '15 is a resolution  
21 providing for an issuance of a warrant  
22 directing the treasurer of the County of  
23 Nassau to pay the supervisors of the several  
24 towns and to the treasurers of the several  
25 villages and cities within the County of

1 Finance Committee/5-4-15

2 Nassau the sums as apportioned by the Nassau

3 County Legislature based upon a report filed

4 by the county treasurer and the county clerk

5 showing deposits from the mortgage taxes for

6 the quarter beginning January 1st of 2015 to

7 March 31st, 2015 pursuant to the County

8 Government Law of Nassau County and the

9 Nassau County Administrative Code.

10 Do we have any questions or

11 comments from the legislators?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Is there any public comment?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Hearing none, all those in favor

16 of those two items signify by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 Any opposed?

19 (Nay.)

20 So we have four to three.

21 Let's go back. I'm going to

22 separate those two items. Let me call 154

23 of '15 separately.

24 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

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2 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved  
3 by Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator  
4 Walker. All those in favor of that item  
5 signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 Any opposed?

8 (Nay.)

9 Item passes four to three.

10 Now I will call the Item 155 of  
11 '15.

12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

13 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

14 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion  
15 by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Legislator Walker.  
16 All those in favor of 155 of '15 signify by  
17 saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 That vote is unanimous on Item  
22 155 of '15.

23 Next up, Items 159 of '15 and 160  
24 of '15. These are the transfer of  
25 appropriations made within the budget for

1 Finance Committee/5-4-15

2 the year 2015.

3 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

5 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion

6 by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. Do we

7 have any discussion on these two items?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Is there any public comment?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Hearing none, all those in favor

12 of Items 159 and 160 of '15 signify by

13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Those opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Those items carry.

18 Next up in bulk, Items 162 of

19 '15, 163 of '15, 164 of '15, 165 of '15. We

20 will take those items. So that's Item 162

21 through 165.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

24 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved

25 by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.

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2 Those items are before us. Any discussion?  
3 (No verbal response.)  
4 Is there any public comment?  
5 (No verbal response.)  
6 Hearing none, all those in favor  
7 signify by saying aye.  
8 (Aye.)  
9 Any opposed?  
10 (No verbal response.)  
11 Those items are carried.  
12 Next up will be 170 of 2015.  
13 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.  
14 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.  
15 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved  
16 by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.  
17 That's a resolution adopting the  
18 comprehensive investment policy of the  
19 county in accordance with Section 39 of the  
20 General Municipal Law of the State of New  
21 York.  
22 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.  
23 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.  
24 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion  
25 by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.

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2 Any discussion on this matter?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 Is there any public comment?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Hearing none, all those in favor  
7 signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 Any opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 That item carries unanimously.

12 Items 173 and 174 of 2015.

13 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

15 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved  
16 by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Kopel. These  
17 are resolutions authorizing the funding of  
18 the employee benefit accrued liability  
19 reserve fund from monies in the police  
20 headquarters fund and police district fund.  
21 Any discussion?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 Is there any public comment?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Hearing none, all those in favor

1 Finance Committee/5-4-15  
2 of those two items signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 Any opposed?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Those items are carried.

7 Items 177 of '15 and 178 of '15  
8 are resolutions to authorize the transfer of  
9 appropriations heretofore made within the  
10 budget for the year 2015.

11 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion  
14 by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.  
15 Any discussion?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Is there any public comment?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 There being none, all those in  
20 favor signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Any opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Those items carried.

25 Next Items 180 of 2015, 188 of

1 Finance Committee/5-4-15

2 2015, and 189 of 2015.

3 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

5 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion  
6 by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. Those  
7 items are before us. They have to do with a  
8 grant agreement on behalf of the Department  
9 of Parks, Recreation and Museums, and an  
10 ordinance to amend Ordinance 28 of 2014  
11 adopting a capital budget for the year 2014  
12 for the county corresponding to the first  
13 year of a four year capital plan, and a bond  
14 ordinance providing for capital expenditure.

15 What we're going to do is  
16 separate this out. We're going to take  
17 items 180 and 188.

18 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

20 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion  
21 by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. Those  
22 two items are before us. Any discussion?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 All those in favor of those two  
25 items signify by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 Those opposed?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Those items carry unanimously.

6 Now we will take item 189 of  
7 2015, which is a bond ordinance for a  
8 capital expenditure to finance capital  
9 projects identified herein within the County  
10 of Nassau and authorizing \$10,987,649 worth  
11 of bonds of the County of Nassau to finance  
12 such expenditure pursuant to the Local  
13 Finance Law of New York and the Government  
14 Law of Nassau County.

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion  
18 by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.  
19 That item is before us. Any discussion?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Is there any public comment?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 All those in favor signify by  
24 saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 Any opposed?

3 (Nay.)

4 That item carries four to three.

5 I think we have completed the  
6 regular agenda but we do have an addendum.

7 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Motion.

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: At  
9 this time Mr. Kopel moves to suspend the  
10 rules.

11 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

12 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA:  
13 Seconded by Ms. Walker. All those in favor  
14 of suspending the rules, signify by saying  
15 aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 The rules are suspended.

20 I'm going to call these together  
21 also, Items 171 and 172 of 2015. I will  
22 read those. A resolution requesting the  
23 Legislature of the State of New York to  
24 enact and the Governor to approve a local  
25 law amending Title 24 of the miscellaneous

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2 laws of Nassau County in relation to  
3 extending the Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax;  
4 And Item 172 is a resolution  
5 requesting the Legislature the State of New  
6 York to enact and the Governor to approve a  
7 local law amending law 18-1984 as last  
8 amended by local law 8-2011 and local law  
9 9-2011, and as incorporated in Chapter 4 of  
10 Title 9 and the miscellaneous laws of Nassau  
11 County in relation to imposing additional  
12 rates of sales and compensating use taxes  
13 authorized by Section 1210 of the tax law  
14 and continuing a local government assistance  
15 program authorized by Section 1262E of the  
16 law.

17 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

19 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved  
20 by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. The  
21 item is before us. Any discussion? We will  
22 now call those separately. Item 171 of  
23 2015. Motion?

24 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

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2 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion  
3 by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. That  
4 item is before us. Any discussion?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 Is there any public comment?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 All those in favor please say  
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 Those opposed?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 That item carries.

14 Next up, 172 of 2015.

15 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Mr.  
18 Kopel makes a motion, Ms. Walker seconds it.  
19 That item is before us. Discussion? Any  
20 questions?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Is there any public comment?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 All those in favor signify by  
25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 Any opposed?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 That item carries. Motion to  
6 adjourn.

7 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

8 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

9 VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: By Mr.  
10 Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. All those in  
11 favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 We are now adjourned. Rules  
14 Committee is next.

15 (Whereupon, the Finance Committee  
16 adjourned at 4:11 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place above mentioned and took stenographic record of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcript of the same and the whole thereof, according to the best of my ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of May, 2015.

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FRANK GRAY